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Copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is resisted to consider the foregoing informan in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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